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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants enclose herewith an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 23, 2010.

Applicants respectfully request a **two-month** extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2010 for which a three-month response period, expiring on March 23, 2011, was set. The two-month extended period for response expires on May 23, 2011. The two-month extension fee of **\$490.00** is being paid by credit card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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This paper is filed in reply to the final Office Action dated December 23, 2010. Applicants authorize the Patent and Trademark Office to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment in the above-identified case.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Amendments to the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.